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Case No.: 94,363-I

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **PLASTIC BUCKET AND LID**, the specification of which was filed on **March 24, 1997** as United States Application Serial No. 08/823,193 and was amended on **January 28, 1998**, on **April 2, 1998** and on **May 15, 1998**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of and United States application(s), or § 365 of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status — patented, pending, abandoned</u>
1.	08/262,916	June 21, 1994	Abandoned
2.	08/707,746	September 4, 1996	Pending
3.	08/798,511	February 10, 1997	Abandoned

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


I hereby appoint the following attorneys and agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I, John W. von Holdt, Jr., Executor of the Estate of John W. von Holdt, Sr. (deceased), am an above named joint inventor and have signed this declaration on my own behalf and also sign this declaration under 37 CFR 1.42 on behalf of the following joint inventor, who is deceased, the particulars for whom are:

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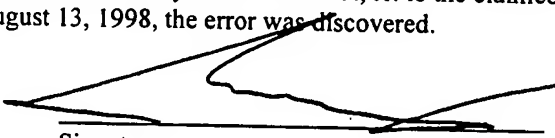
I further, upon information and belief, declare on behalf of and as Executor of the Estate of deceased inventor, John W. von Holdt, Sr., the following:

Error with respect to omitting co-inventor John W. von Holdt, Jr. occurred without deceptive intent on or about the filing date of this continuation-in-part application and that the discovery of the error occurred on or about August 13, 1998

The above named inventor executed the original declaration for this application after review of the application and prior to submittal of the application to the U.S. Patent Office.

John W. von Holdt, Sr. understood the contents of the present application to constitute a continuation-in-part application of an application filed February 10, 1997 (now abandoned). He further understood and believed that the present application correctly named him as the sole inventor and that he therefore did not need to review the issue of inventorship with John W. von Holdt, Jr. or others at the time of execution of the declaration accompanying the application. His reliance was premised upon the belief that any contributions to the present continuation-in-part were correctly attributed to him as the sole inventor in reliance upon counsel who prepared the application. However, such reliance was erroneous and without deceptive intent and resulted from an apparent misunderstanding by counsel of the contribution made by John von Holdt, Jr. to the claimed subject matter. Upon subsequent review on or about August 13, 1998, the error was discovered.

John W. von Holdt, Jr.
(name of joint inventor signing on
behalf of deceased inventor)


Signature

Dated: SEPT. 11, 1998